



Foster Park Elementary School

901 Arthur Blvd.
Union, SC 29379

Grades	K-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	495 Students	
Principal	Barbara Palmer	864-429-1737
Superintendent	Dr. Kristi V. Woodall	864-429-1740
Board Chair	Dr. Betty JoAnn McMorris	864-427-4149

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2013 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2013	Average	Below Average
2012	Good	Excellent
2011	Good	Average
2010	Average	Good
2009	Average	Average

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
<http://www.eoc.sc.gov>

Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

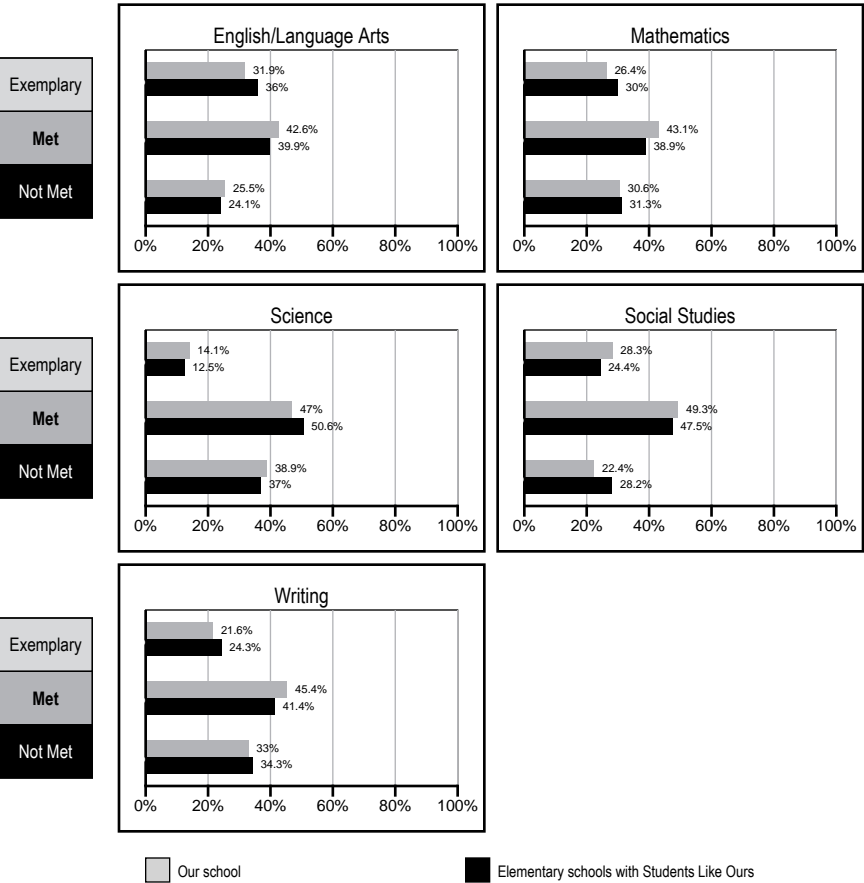
Percent of students tested in 2012-13 whose 2011-12 test scores were located | 97.9%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
10	19	95	14	2

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 12/14/2013.

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)



* Elementary schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means the student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means the student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=495)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	2.0%	Up from 1.7%	1.2%	0.9%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.4%	96.0%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	4.2%	N/A	4.9%	7.2%
With disabilities	13.8%	N/A	14.1%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	4.2%	N/A	2.6%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=33)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	48.5%	Down from 51.6%	60.9%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	90.9%	Down from 93.5%	82.9%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.1%	Up from 85.0%	87.6%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	92.6%	Up from 90.9%	94.7%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,408	Up 1.7%	\$47,312	\$48,193
Professional development days/teacher	12.0 days	Down from 16.5 days	11.0 days	11.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	8.0	Up from 7.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.6 to 1	Up from 19.3 to 1	19.7 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.9%	Up from 86.3%	89.5%	90.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.6%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,184	Up 18.9%	\$7,511	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.0%	Down from 72.3%	68.0%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.0%	Down from 67.6%	65.0%	66.0%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

Foster Park Elementary School celebrated many successes this year. Our school remains a “Red Carpet School”. We firmly believe that a positive customer service attitude is important. Our school also received the Palmetto Gold Award from the State Department of Education this year as well as an A Federal rating.

Our school continues to recognize great reading and writing. Our school received a Save the Children Grant once again this year which provides in-school and after-school assistance in reading.

We continue to recognize students and staff for positive actions and achievements through our Positive Behavior Plan. Students earn Eagle Bucks and Classroom Bucks for positive behaviors and spend the bucks throughout the year.

Our instructional staff members analyze PASS scores by grade, class, and student to identify academic strengths and weaknesses. PASS analysis serves as just one piece of information for planning instruction and providing individual student assistance. MAP testing is also used in determining the academic plans for our students. Academy Classes are formed to remediate and accelerate students. Our PASS scores earned us the Palmetto Gold Award this year.

In our changing world, our teachers realize the need for professional growth and are always seeking new and innovative teaching ideas. Our study groups this year focused on writing and math problem solving strategies.

We believe that open communication is important. We utilize the front marquis, monthly newsletters, agendas and our Alert Now System to advertise upcoming events. We maintain a very close relationship with our local news providers to showcase our achievements and activities. We invite all parents to attend our School Improvement Council meetings and Title One planning sessions. The State Report Card is sent out each year to highlight our achievements and challenges. Our school maintains an absolute rating of good and improvement rating of excellent.

Even in our poor economic times, our students and staff maintain a positive community spirit. They continue to give back to the community through numerous community projects such as Relay for Life, Pennies for Patients, and March of Dimes. Our school continues to enforce our belief that “All Children Can Soar as Eagles.”

Barbara Palmer-Principal
Margie Ruff- SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	25	39	33
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100%	100%	97%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96%	100%	88.3%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100%	97.3%	91.2%

* Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

Abbreviations for Missing Data

ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2013, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/eSEA/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	80.8
Overall Grade Conversion	B

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the state's expectations

Accountability Indicator for Title I Schools

Foster Park Elementary School school has been designated as a:

- ☒ Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
- ☐ Title I Reward School for Progress – one of the schools with substantial progress in student subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Focus School – one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Priority School – one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
- ☐ Title I School – does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
- ☐ Non-Title I School – therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	2.3%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/A	4.9%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	96.0%	94.0%*	Yes

* Or greater than last year

Abbreviations for Missing Data

Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested
Grades 3-5						
All Students	650.9	640.3	614.7	638.8	100.0	100.0
Male	646.4	638.0	619.6	646.8	100.0	100.0
Female	655.4	642.6	610.1	631.0	100.0	100.0
White	657.8	651.2	626.4	646.1	100.0	100.0
African American	643.1	627.7	601.5	630.0	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	644.2	633.6	605.2	633.4	100.0	100.0
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	635.0	635.0	635.0	635.0	95.0	95.0

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
English/Language Arts							
2012	3	87	100	20	29.4	50.6	80
	4	56	98.2	15.1	32.1	52.8	84.9
	5	80	100	9.6	53.4	37	90.4
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2013	3	83	100	26.3	35	38.8	73.8
	4	92	100	27.9	45.3	26.7	72.1
	5	55	100	21.2	48.1	30.8	78.8
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics							
2012	3	87	100	27.1	35.3	37.6	72.9
	4	56	98.2	18.9	34	47.2	81.1
	5	80	100	19.2	47.9	32.9	80.8
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2013	3	83	100	41.3	32.5	26.3	58.8
	4	92	100	23.3	50	26.7	76.7
	5	55	100	25	48.1	26.9	75
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Science							
2012	3	44	100	48.8	30.2	20.9	51.2
	4	55	98.2	15.4	69.2	15.4	84.6
	5	39	100	11.4	57.1	31.4	88.6
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2013	3	42	100	37.5	45	17.5	62.5
	4	92	100	40.7	46.5	12.8	59.3
	5	27	100	32	52	16	68
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
Social Studies							
2012	3	47	100	34.8	37	28.3	65.2
	4	56	98.2	7.5	39.6	52.8	92.5
	5	41	100	31.6	36.8	31.6	68.4
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2013	3	42	100	24.4	41.5	34.1	75.6
	4	91	100	16.5	54.1	29.4	83.5
	5	28	100	37	44.4	18.5	63
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing							
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	78	94.9	26.4	40.3	33.3	73.6
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2013	3	83	97.6	41	42.3	16.7	59
	4	93	97.9	28.2	50.6	21.2	71.8
	5	56	100	26.4	43.4	30.2	73.6
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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